



THE

GAYZETTE

EVENTS OF INTEREST TO METROPOLITAN OMAHA & LINCOLN

THE WEDNESDAY THE WORLD CHANGED 400 CHILDREN FIND SANCTUARY IN GAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Wednesday morning, Nov. 20, Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha became a new kind of Sanctuary. We became a place of safety and refuge for over 400 children who attend Liberty Elementary School, which is housed in its temporary location just across the street. It was an amazing sight! As the children walked out of the building across the street and crossed Leavenworth, they walked quietly. They entered the Church reverently, and as I stood to hold the door open, many smiled. Silence was apparently asked for by the teachers, and I have never seen so many quiet and inquisitive eyes! Liberty Elementary is probably among Omaha's most racially diverse schools—Children of African, Mexican, South American, Asian, Middle Eastern, Indian, Eastern European, Western European and Native American decent flowed through the doors of our church building. The older children went down to the Social Hall, and the younger children filled the sanctuary. They were in the chairs, along the walls and filling the center aisle. It was amazing! I could not help but reflect upon the loaves and fish—This time it seemed like the size of our building swelled to accommodate the children seeking refuge.

I listened as the principal told all the children that this was just a drill, but that if there was ever an emergency at their school the 'Nice People' at Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha had agreed to provide a safe place for them to gather. She told them that they could count on us to be there for them, and that this was a place where they would be safe.

I found it hard not to cry. I was so proud. We have come so far! While I know that we still have a long journey towards equality, to see 400 children being told by their public school principal that a church full of queer folk was their Sanctuary touched me in a wonderful and Christlike way. It is so easy for us to simply hold open our doors—however, the impact of our being able to do that, and to welcome the little children truly changes the world! One of the Kindergarten teachers, as they were leaving, thanked me, and said that she loved having her class here—the Spirit of the Sanctuary calmed her class, and she had never seen them sit so quietly.

I am grateful to all of the MCCO Folks who saw the wonder in the ability to provide this safe space. I am grateful to the UFMCC for the wonderful work we are doing to change the world, and I am grateful to the Omaha Unified School District for their open acceptance. Today the world birthed a little more tolerance. Today Children saw a new kind of Church and discovered it was safe. Today we changed a little tiny corner of the world!

God Bless, Rev. Barbara Sagat, Pastor, MCC-Omaha



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

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A HOLIDAY KISS

AN EVENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

A HOLIDAY KISS

from Stages of Omaha

Stages of Omaha Theatre Company welcomes **Hatcher Productions** to **The Millennium Theatre** for **A Holiday Kiss: A Family Christmas Concert** coming in December. *A Holiday Kiss* will feature familiar faces (and voices) from recent Stages of Omaha's productions, including: Jerry R. Ditter, Leanne Hill, Mary Pennisi, Tim

Reilly, Jason Rogers, Aaron Sorensen, Emily Jane Thompson, and D. Kevin Williams, with Darius Makaitis at the piano.

Bring the kids, bring the grandparents, bring the whole family and kick the Holiday Season off right! Santa Claus will even make an appearance, and after the show, the kids can tell Santa what they want for Christmas! The performances will include many of your favorite holiday tunes, as well as Christmas stories, cast favorites, hot cider, cookies and more. All seats are \$15 with performances on Friday nights at 7:30 pm and Saturday and Sunday afternoons at 2:30 pm for just two weekends, **Dec 6 - 15**.

The Millennium Theatre is located in the Union Plaza Building on the corner of 16th and Jackson Streets at 601 S 16th Street in Omaha. For reservations, call (402) 345-8166 or make them online at www.StagesofOmaha.com

Hatcher Productions is a new theatrical production company founded by John and Sandy Hatcher, two of the original founders of the Shelterbelt Theatre, and active in many local theatre companies including Brigit St. Brigit and Stages of Omaha productions. This will be the first of many new shows from Hatcher Productions, which will appear at The Millennium Theatre in the future.

The Staff of the Gayzette welcome Hatcher Productions to the Omaha Stage!

ACLU NEBRASKA NEEDS YOUR STORIES!

ACLU Nebraska, the ACLU Lesbian & Gay Rights Project and Lambda Legal are looking for lesbian, gay and bisexual individuals or couples with personal stories that illustrate the serious harms suffered as a result of the prohibition barring efforts to seek any form of legal recognition for same-sex partnerships. Lambda Legal and the local and national offices of the ACLU are working together in the possibility of legal action, and to educate the public about the real life repercussions of banning all legal recognition of same-sex relationships.

There are no hard and fast rules about what kinds of stories may be helpful. Individuals need not be in a relationship now, nor is there any minimum (or maximum) time that people should have been in a relationship. The only essential is that the story be compelling. Here are just a few examples of compelling stories. Undoubtedly, there are many others.

- A same-sex couple signs legal documents (such as powers of attorney, health care proxies for medical emergencies, or documents relating to care and custody of their children) but when they need to use them, the documents are not honored.
- One member of a same-sex couple dies without a will and the surviving partner is denied the right to make funeral and cemetery arrangements, is forced out of the home the couple shared together, or loses the business that they built together.
- One member of a same-sex couple is murdered, and the surviving partner is denied the right to sue in a wrongful death action.
- One member of a same-sex couple is denied protection for domestic violence because the couple has no legal relationship.
- To qualify for Medicaid reimbursement for nursing home expenses for one member of a couple, the couple is required to sell the house they shared together, and in which the other member was still living, because they do not qualify for a marital exemption.
- The higher wage-earning member of a same-sex couple dies, and the surviving partner cannot access worker's compensation or Social Security benefits because they are only available to spouses.
- When applying for public housing, a same-sex couple is informed that they must apply separately rather than together.
- Members of a same-sex couple endure the everyday indignities of having to explain their family over and over again - in front of their children - in schools, doctor's offices, and government offices.
- Members of a same-sex couple are denied family and medical leave, bereavement leave, health insurance, pension benefits, or other similar rights because they are deemed legal strangers.

If you have had an experience that might be helpful in illustrating the importance of recognizing same-sex relationships, or know someone with such a story, please contact Amy Miller at amiller@aclunebraska.org or (402) 476-8091; David Buckel at dbuckel@lambdalegal.org or (212) 809-8585, or Tamara Lange at tlange@aclu.org or (212) 549-2627.

Your stories and information will never be released to the public without your consent, so if you have a story, please don't hesitate to contact the ACLU for this most important endeavor.

HASTINGS COLLEGE WORLD AIDS DAY CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

There will be a candlelight service in honor of World AIDS Day at the Hastings College chapel Wednesday, December 4, sponsored by HC PHIVE-O (Peer HIV Education Organization). The service will consist of readings, music, candles, luminaria in memory of central Nebraskans whose lives have been lost to AIDS, and an open mic opportunity for attendees. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. For further information, contact Judy Sandeen at 402-461-7372, or jsandeen@hastings.edu, or Sarah Nottage-Tacey at 402-463-2402, x 6107.



RIVER CITY MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE

Maplewood Lanes - Week 10

TEAM NAME	WON	LOST	PINS
Lucky Strix's	33.5	6.5	20197
Lords & Ladies	33.0	7.0	22854
Gilligans CCB	32.0	8.0	17596
Omaha Hospitality	27.0	13.0	19504
Max Factors	27.0	13.0	17065
Oops!!	25.0	15.0	16836
F.B.I.	25.0	15.0	15433
Beaver & The Boys	22.5	17.5	16977
Omaha Mining Co	22.0	18.0	19395
Gill's Choke Artists	22.0	18.0	18736
Angry Beavers	21.0	19.0	18459
One Damn Pin	21.0	19.0	18132
Chicken & Her Noodles	21.0	19.0	16429
Off Broadway	20.0	20.0	20069
Sizzlin'	19.0	21.0	19393
Here 4 Beer	18.0	22.0	15274
& Then There Was Frank	17.0	23.0	15418
The Golden Girls	16.0	24.0	12865
Get'n School'd	15.0	25.0	15449
Outlaws	14.0	26.0	16765
Fore Play	14.0	26.0	15515
Rammin Dixon	14.0	26.0	15411
N Joyable	14.0	26.0	15194
Gary's Gutter Gashes	14.0	26.0	13532
Kingpins	12.0	28.0	15078
Team 26	1.0	39.0	17400

High Scratch Game (MEN) High Scratch Game (WOMEN)

B. Andresen	267	N Harrison	266
D. Cohen	267	L. Bailey	254
D. White	256	C. Gallaher	237

High Scratch Series (MEN) High Scratch Series (WOMEN)

B. Andresen	724	N. Harrison	621
D. Cohen	707	C. Gallaher	600
R. Hollendieck	653	A. Southerland	595

High Average (MEN) High Average (WOMEN)

D. Cohen	214	N. Harrison	192
J. Schomer	208	A Southerland	177
B. Andresen	200	T. Shellenberger	176

High Scratch Game (TEAM) High Scratch Series (TEAM)

Lords & Ladies	902	Lords & Ladies	2409
Lucky Strix's	770	Lucky Strix's	2174
Angry Beavers	755	Off Broadway	2102

RAINBOW BOWLERS

Week 3 - Maplewood Lanes

TEAM NAME	WON	LOST	PINS
Taking Up the Rear	6.0	2.0	3164
Man Hole	5.0	3.0	2493
We 3 Kings	5.0	3.0	2411
2D's & An F	5.0	3.0	2300
Team Seven	4.5	3.5	3132
Worth The Wait	3.5	4.5	3082
Technical Difficulties	1.0	7.0	2223
Ghost Team	0.0	8.0	2538

High Scratch Game (MEN) High Scratch Game (WOMEN)

Bryan Casper	245	S. Pallas	181
J. Schulte	238	J. Moore	170
D. Cohen	236	J. Moore	162

High Scratch Series (MEN) High Scratch Series (WOMEN)

J. Schulte	671	J. Moore	473
D. Cohen	615	S. Pallas	461
B. Casper	608	J. Moore	442

High Average (MEN) High Average (WOMEN)

J. Schulte	217	S. Pallas	153
B. Casper	190	J. Moore	152
D. Cohen	186	V. Haynes	104

HIGH GAME HDCP (TEAM) HIGH SERIES HDCP (TEAM)

Taking Up the Rear	578	Taking Up the Rear	1594
Team Seven	554	Team Seven	1587
Worth the Wait	546	Worth the Wait	1545



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1. Banker:

"Well, Joy, let me explain how this type of account works" Thought in my head:

"He did not just call me Joy" "What the *ell is he thinking?" ...but he kept doing it...

2. "Joy, there are several different options we can help you with"

3. "Thanks for stopping in Joy, we'll see you soon!"

Do I look like a Joy? I mean, I know I'm gay, but certainly he didn't think at birth my parents named me Joy. I suppose it's my own fault for not correcting him, but I would have laughed right in his face. Instead, I'll just tell 853 people about it by email!

See you at JOY this week!

All my best,

Eric (a.k.a JOY!)

Keeping watching for more news about JOY from the JOY!

DECEMBER @ JOY

Friday Dec. 6th Patrick, Russell, and Rick's Night of 1000 Stars Party 5:30pm-7:30pm

Sunday Dec. 8th: JOY closed for Private Party

Friday Dec. 13th: Frostbitten Circuit Party 9pm-4am

7 D.J.s, 7 Hours, One Club! Cover \$5 for JOY members

Friday Dec. 20th: Falcon Porn Star Ricky Starr!

8pm autographs Shows at 10pm & Midnight Cover \$5

Wed. Dec. 25th Holiday Hump Day Madness

Drink Specials 4pm-1am

Friday Dec 27th: The N'JOY Show-Omaha's hottest drag show!

Monday Dec. 30th Pre New Years Eve Party

4pm-1am NO COVER!

Tuesday Dec 31st new Years Eve JOY Style

Prizes and drink specials all night!

UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL GAY BOWLING ORGANIZATION TOURNAMENTS.

ACT TOURNAMENT	San Antonio, TX	January 2003
Flambe	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	January 2003
Bluegrass Classic	Louisville, KY	Feb 14-16, 2003
Golden Gate Classic	San Francisco, CA	Feb 14-16, 2003
GAGME	Tampa, FL	Feb 14-16, 2003
TROT	Fort Worth, TX	Feb 14-16, 2003
ICE BOWL	Omaha, NE	Feb 14-16, 2003
Sweetheart Invitational	Hartford, CT	Feb 14-16, 2003
St. Petersburg Florida	St. Petersburg, FL	March, 2003
SPIT	Memphis, TN	March, 2003
London (Ontario) Invitational	London, ONT	March, 2003
Men's Scratch Classic	Dallas, TX	March, 2003
English Bay Cup	Vancouver, BC	March, 2003
Phoenix Regional Invitational	Phoenix, AZ	March, 2003
Ladies Invitational	Dallas, TX	March, 2003
TREAT	Pittsburgh, PA	March, 2003

For further information or if anyone is interested in attending any of these tournaments, you may contact Russ Hollendieck at (402)556-5556.

HEDWIG AND THE ANGRY INCH BENEFIT FOR NEBRASKA AIDS PROJECT

The transgender rock 'n' roll musical "Hedwig and the Angry Inch" makes its Nebraska premiere for one show only on Saturday, Dec. 7, at the Rose Blumkin Performing Arts Center, 2001 Farnam St. The Omaha production will be presented during "Night of a Thousand Stars," the annual benefit for the Nebraska AIDS Project.

"Hedwig and the Angry Inch" tells the story of an East German girlie boy named Hansel, who lives his life with the hopes of finding this other half to make himself complete. Hansel agrees to a sex-change operation in order to go to the U.S. with an American G.I. he has met. The operation is botched, leaving one inch of genitalia, and Hansel, now Hedwig, is left to be neither man nor woman.

Rocker Hedwig finds herself living in a trailer park in Kansas, lost and alone. She lashes out in rebellion against her physical and emotional mutilation, all the while motivated by an overpowering desire to find her "other half," whoever or whatever that might be. "Hedwig and the Angry Inch" is a poignant meditation on loneliness, gender confusion and the romantic notion that sex is an effort to reconnect two halves of one ideal being. Time Magazine's review said, "The most exciting rock score written for the theater since, oh, ever!"

GAYZETTE AD RATES

Whole Page	7 1/2 X 10	\$100.00	Half Page	7 1/2 X 4 1/4	\$ 50.00
Fourth Page	3 3/4 X 4 3/4	\$ 25.00	Business Card		\$ 15.00

All ads must be camera ready. Payment must accompany ad. Checks payable to Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center. !0% Discount for on-going ads of any size. Payment and ads should be delivered to the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center 1719 Leavenworth St. on or before the deadline or emailed to news@rocc.org. Please call ahead to reserve space.

Ad Deadlines: Friday, December 6 for Publication Dec. 13 Friday, December 20 for Publication Dec. 27

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OMAHA PFLAG

Monthly Meetings: 2nd Thursday 7:00 P.M.

Location: First United Methodist Church
7020 Cass, Omaha, Nebraska

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VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER & DANCE

Benefit for Breast Cancer

Chandler, Jazmin, and Mya will host a Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance at Connections, 1901 Leavenworth, on February 14, 2003. The proceeds from this event will go to help fight Breast Cancer. The evening will begin with Dinner at 5:30pm. Dinner will include your choice of chicken or steak, grilled to satisfy your taste buds. There will be a choice of two side dishes chosen from: mashed potatoes, green bean casserole or mostaccioli. Each dinner also includes bread, tossed salad, cocktail shrimp and dessert. There will be music for couple dancing and a show at 10pm. Tickets for this event are \$20 per couple or \$10 per single. Tickets will be available the middle of December from Chandler, Jazmin, Mya, or the bar.

HOW TO BE A HAPPY LESBIAN

"How To Be A Happy Lesbian: A Coming Out Guide" was created for women coming to terms with their sexual orientation, to help them during what can be a difficult transition, and ultimately to feel good about themselves. "How To Be A Happy Lesbian" will be distributed as a trade paperback and a free PDF download. The free PDF is for women who are still a little afraid to purchase a copy in a bookstore or online. The Lambda organization has agreed to feature the book, as well as provide a link on their website for the PDF download. You can see reviews at: <http://amazingdreamspublishing.com/>

HEARTLAND GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION CROWNS 2003 ROYALTY

2002 Royalty Donate \$2050 to Creighton University Pediatric AIDS Clinic

Rodeo fans and friends gathered in Stosh's Saloon on November 16 to bid farewell to the 2002 HGRA Royalty and to cheer for the 2003 candidates. The evening showcased the talents of Ms HGRA 2002 Travis T, a talented drag king who carries off male impersonation very well; Paco, whose muscular physique and tilted black hat were reflected in the evening's set; and the incomparable Ammie Zahn. One of the high points of the evening was the presentation of a check for \$2000 to the Creighton University Pediatric AIDS Clinic along with \$50 cash from an impromptu fundraiser. Director of the program, Dr. Romero, and Clinic Manager, Cozie Oldham, told how the donation would be used to help provide medications not

covered by insurance and help fund needy children traveling to receive specialized treatments not available in this area as well as providing birthday and holiday presents. Dr. Romero and Cozie expressed their gratitude to the community and then stayed for the entire show, joining the lines to tip the performers.

The candidates for Mr., Ms, and Miss HGRA 2003, Mackey, Jeff McKenzie and Jazmin, competed on stage in Western Wear, Question and Answer, and Entertainment. Since there was only one candidate for each position, each had to score at least 60% of the possible total in order to win the title. At the end of the evening, the three candidates received their titles and began their year of service to the community.



Dr. Romero & Cozie Oldham
Creighton University
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HGRA 2003 ROYALTY

Ms HGRA Mackey, Mr HGRA Jeff McKenzie, Miss HGRA Jazmin

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BiMenNebraska, Social Support for Bi and BiCurious Men <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BiMenNebraska> and <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Bi-MEN-MIDWEST>

Citizens for Equal Protection 1102 Howard St. Suite 2, Omaha NE 68102, 398-3027 <http://www.geocities.com/~cfep>

Flat Water Bears, Box 3751, Omaha 68103 flatwaterbears@yahoo.com Hirsute men and admirers, 2nd Wed, The MAX, 7:30pm

Front Runners/Walkers, Box 4583, Omaha 68104 (402) 496-3658 Fun Run/Walks 10am Sun, 6pm Wed

GALO (Gay & Lesbian Org at UNO) www.angelfire.com/home/GALO contact: unogalo@hotmail.com or SPO (Student Organizations) at 554-2711.

Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network -Omaha, Box 641676, Omaha 68164, 596-2596
Website: <http://www.glsenomaha.org>

Heartland Gay Rodeo Association
Box 3354, Omaha 68103 800-561-6918

Ice Bowl Invitational Bowling Tournament (IBIT) P.O. Box 31838, Omaha, 68131 R. Hollendieck (402) 556-5556

Imperial Court of Nebraska, Box 3772, Omaha 68103 556-9907, Board Meeting 3rd Mon, 819 S. 22

Learning to Exchange Power, L2EP@aol.com; Social, educational group novices in Leather Lifestyle

Leather Engineers of Omaha (LEO) Box 8101, Omaha, 68108-8101 Gay men in leather lifestyle, Mt 2nd Sat Gilligan's 7pm

LinOma Bares, Box 8493, Omaha 68108 Nudist/ Naturist Club for gay/bi men Info: Eric (402) 553-5944; Jerry (402) 553-6626

Mpower, c/o Nebr AIDS Project, 139 S. 40, Omaha 68131 www.mpower-nap.org. Men teaching men about HIV

Men's Support Group-Omaha, 819 S. 22 St., 345-2563; Tuesday 7:30pm <http://mike2tom.home.radiks.net/msgomaha/>

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 819 S. 22 St., Omaha 68108 345-2563, mccomaha@radiks.net
Website: www.mccomaha.org
Sunday Worship 9 & 11am, Wed Eve 7pm

Nebraska AIDS Project, 552-9260
Watanabe Wellness Ctr, 139 S. 40, Omaha 68131, Testing Mon, Thurs Eve, Wed aft

NAP Outreach Center, 1723 Leavenworth, Testing & Counseling: Fri Nights

Nebraska Advocates for Justice & Equality, 1102 Howard, Suite 2, Omaha 68102, 402.346-5960 naje_now@hotmail.com

Nebraska Gay Dads group list exchange emails posted to the list for discussion <http://mike2tom.home.radiks.net/nebraskagaydads/>

Omaha Nebr Gay Pride WebPage <http://members.cyberwolves.com/omahanegaypride> PO Box 4154, Omaha, 68104-4154 402-502-9195 omahanegaypride@cox.net

Onyx Images, Box 31026, 68132-9998 Onyximages@hotmail.com Fraternity for African American Men

Out and About in Nebraska, During the summer meets 2nd Wednesday 7pm, Rainbow Outreach Center, website: www.travel.to/outabout
Email: NeOutAboout@yahoo.com

Parents and Friends of Lesbians And Gays (PFLAG) Omaha Chapter Box 390064, Omaha, 68139-0064 291-6781 Website: www.pflag-omaha.org, email info@pflag-omaha.org Meet 2nd Thurs, 1st United Meth, 7020 Cass,

Proud Horizons Youth Group, Sat Afternoon, info: (402) 291-6781 or email proudhorizons@yahoo.com

Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Ctr, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, 341-0330, Web Site: www.ROCC.org, email: rainbow@rocc.org
Info Line, Library, Movies, Gayzette

Rainbow Bible Study, Fridays, 6-7:30pm, Lowe Ave Presbyterian, 1023 N. 40 St.

Rainbow Celebrations, Box 8583, Omaha, 68108 402.502.1577 Pride Parade & Festival, National Coming Out Day (NCOD) Event info@rainbowcelebrations.org

Pride 2003 Box 8583, Omaha, 68108 pride@rainbowcelebrations.org

National Coming Out Day 2002 P.O. Box 8583, Omaha, 68108 NCOD2002@rainbowcelebrations.org

Real Families, Omaha-area families headed by gay/lesbian parents, meet last Sunday of every month. Info: call Margaux at 561-6738 or email MargauxPurlo@aol.com

River City Gender Alliance, Box 8076, Omaha 68108, 402-991-8845, Website: www.genderalliance.com Social/Support Group for transgender/transsexual/cross-dressers and supporters

River City Mixed Bowling II 3pm, Sundays, Maplewood Lanes, Omaha Norma Harrison (402) 731-5706

River City Mixed Chorus, Box 3267, Omaha, NE 68103, 402-341-SING Website: www.rivercitymixedchorus.com

SNAP Productions, Box 8464, Omaha, NE 68108 www.snapproductions.com

Unity Church of Omaha 3424 N. 90, Omaha, Sunday worship: 9am, 11am Wednesday evening worship 7pm; 571-1344; www.unityomaha.org

Women's Support Group, Tuesdays 7:30pm, Rainbow Outreach Center, 1719 Leavenworth, 342-0330

WomenSpace, Box 24712, Omaha 68124 Newsletter, Concerts

LINCOLN BASED

Alias Jane Band, (402) 435-8764 Kara & Kelly at The Panic

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Gay/Lesbian/Bi/Straight Alliance 2229 J St., Lincoln 68510 (402) 436-1301 ext. 232 Ruth Kupfer

Gay/Lesbian Film Fest, Deanna Zaffke, cea@unlserve.unl.edu

Gay Men's Support Group, UNL Health Center, Counseling & Psychology, Rm. 214, Lincoln 68588-0618 472-7450

Lesbian, Bisexual and Questioning-Women's Discussion Group, University of Nebraska, Lincoln Women's Center (sponsor), Room 340, Nebraska Union, Lincoln 68588-0446. 402/472-2597.

Nebraska AIDS Project, 220 S. 17th St. Lincoln, NE 68508. (402) 476-7000

Nebraska Coalition for LGBT Civil Rts, 122 S. 11 St, Ste 200, Lincoln 68508 Doug & Bob 402.742.9102 nebcoalition@yahoo.com

Omaha Women's Riverboat Cruise, 4949 N. 73, Lincoln, 68507 467-5737

Parents, Friends of Lesbians & Gays, Cornhusker Chapter; Box 30128, Lincoln 68508, Meet 4th Tuesday, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Barbara Kimberly jbkimber@msn.com, Website: <http://pflag.incb.org/>

Plainsmen, Support for FtM's (Female to Male), Drag Kings TV Butches, 402-820-1267

SAGE, Box 22043, Lincoln 68542 Coffee House 2nd Sat, 6-9pm, Lesbian Videos 7:15pm, 3319 S. 46

Sexuality Education eXchange, University Health Ctr, 15th & U, Rm.12h, 472-7447 or email: ptetreault1@unl.edu Comprehensive, inclusive sexuality/sexual health info, resources/referrals including sexual orientation, ally and diversity training.

Straight Spouse Support Grp 489-9088

Women In Trades/YWCA, 1432 N St., Lincoln 68508; 434-3494,

UNL Committee on GLBT Concerns, contact: Pat Tetreault, c/o University Health Center, 15th & U Streets, Rm. 12h Lincoln, NE 68588-0618, (402) 472-7447 or email: ptetreault1@unl.edu

Youth Support Group, (402) 434-9880

Trevor-24-hour National Suicide Hotline for GLBT and Questioning Youth 1-800-850-8078 or email: <http://www.thetrevorproject.org/helpline.html>

THE WEISENHEIMERS



Friday November 29th

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CLUB JOY has purchased a new sound system just for their monthly show!

Come check it out! Show starts at 10pm, cover is only \$3!



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Saturday November 30th

L2EP TOYS 4 TOTZ BENEFIT!

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DECEMBER TEASERS

NIGHT OF 1000 STARS PARTY!

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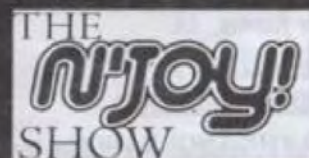
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GAYZETTE EVENTS

FRIDAY NOV. 29

THE WEISENHEIMERS JOY 9:30pm

NAUGHTY NOEL, thru Dec 22, Blue Barn,

Thurs - Sun 7:30pm Tickets \$15 for adults, \$12 students/seniors, \$10 for TAG members, groups of 10 or more. 345-1576

SATURDAY, NOV. 30

L2EP TOYZ 4 TOTZ BENEFIT

Workshops begin at 1pm, Redick Hotel Show 7:30pm Club Joy For more information contact L2EP@aol.com or L2EP Box 11341 Omaha 68111

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

WORLD AIDS DAY

ICON TOYZ 4 TOTZ The MAX

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

HASTINGS COLLEGE CANDLELIGHT

VIGIL FOR WORLD AIDS DAY 8PM College Chapel Info: Judy Sandeen (402-461-7372)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

PATRICK, RUSSELL AND RICK'S

NIGHT OF 1000 STARS PARTY

5:30pm—7:30pm JOY

FRJ-SUN, DEC. 6-8

RCGA FALL HARVEST, <http://www.genderalliance.com/fallharvest/index.htm>

FLAT WATER BEARS' CHRISTMAS,

Raccoon River Retreat, IA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

NAP "NIGHT OF 1000 STARS"

HEDWIG AND THE ANGRY INCH

Reception 6pm, Show 7:30pm, Hitchcock Theatre, Rose Blumkin, Sug. Donation \$35 208-0150, HedwiginOmaha@hotmail.com

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

BASKETS, BUNS, AND QUEENS....OH

MY The MAX

JOY CLOSED FOR PRIVATE PARTY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

"A COUNTRY GOSPEL CHRISTMAS"

Benefit for MCC-O Handicap Accessibility Fund 8pm—10pm, DC's Saloon

FROSTBITTEN CIRCUIT PARTY 9pm-

4am 7 D.J.s, 7 Hours, One Club! Cover \$5 for JOY members, JOY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR STEVE

VON SEGGERN, 11am, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22 St.,

GRAND DUKE JASON BIRTHDAY

SHOW 8pm, JOY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE AND BOU-

TIQUE, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, 10am—1pm

MISS MERRY CHRISTMAS PAGEANT, The

MAX, 8:30pm

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

FALCON PORN STAR RICKY STARR!

8pm autographs Shows at 10pm & Midnight Cover \$5 JOY

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

CHRISTMAS EVE Children's Service 7pm

Candlelight Service 10:30pm MCC-Omaha,

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

CHRISTMAS DAY SUPPER AND WORSHIP

SERVICE 6pm Supper, 7pm Worship MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22 St.

HOLIDAY HUMP DAY MADNESS

Drink Specials 4pm-1am JOY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

THE N'JOY SHOW, JOY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

MISS PRIDE ANNASTASIA 8pm, JOY

MONDAY DEC. 30

PRE NEW YEARS EVE PARTY 4pm-

1am NO COVER!

TUESDAY DEC 31 NEW YEARS EVE

SAT. JAN 18 & SUN. JAN 19

RCMC CONCERT "MUSIC OF MAKE

BELIEVE" 7:05pm, 1st United Methodist

FEB. 14-16, 2003 ICE BOWL

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

VALENTINE'S DINNER & DANCE Dinner

5:30pm, Show 10pm, Connections

FRJ. JUNE 20 & SAT. JUNE 21

PRIDE OMAHA 2003

SAT. JUNE 21 & SUN. JUNE 22

CHORUS PRIDE CONCERT 7:05pm,

UNO Strauss Performing Arts Center

FRJ. JUNE 27—SUNDAY, JUNE 29

HEARTLAND REGIONAL RODEO

SATURDAY, JULY 13

IMPERIAL COURT OF NEBRASKA CORO-

NATION 6PM, Sokol Hall

WEEKLY EVENTS

Every Sunday

WORSHIP SERVICES:

DIETZ METHODIST 1423 S.10, 11AM

1ST METH 7020 Cass, 8:30 & 10:45am

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

819 S. 22, 9am & 11am

FIRST UNITARIAN 3114 Harney, 11am

LOWE AVE PRES 1023 N. 40, 10am

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA,

3424 N. 90, Omaha, 9am, 11am

HASTINGS COLLEGE GSA 8PM

FFI: Judy Sandeen (402) 461-7372

LINCOLN WOMYN'S POTLUCK

Cheryl 474-1937 11:30am-4pm

WIMMIN'S SHOW KZUM 89.3 12:30pm

RIVER CITY II MIXED BOWLING,

3pm, Maplewood Lanes,

Every Monday

HIV TESTING, 7- 9:30pm, 139 S. 40th

A A GLBT "RAINBOW GROUP"

Meeting Place, 28 & S, Lincoln, 7:30 p.m.

Every Tuesday

UNL LESBIAN/BI/QUESTIONING SUP-

PORT GRP 7-8:30pm, Women's Ctr,

Nebr Union, 12 & R, Lincoln, 472-9428

OMAHA MEN'S SUPPORT GROUP,

MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, 7:30pm

OMAHA WOMEN'S SUPPORT GRP,

ROC, 1719 Leavenworth, 7:30pm

Every Wednesday

WORSHIP SERVICES

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY

CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

HIV TESTS, 1-4 pm NAP, 139 S. 40

FRONTRUNNERS RUN/WALK 6:30pm

AkSarBen Lot 5, Omaha

LGBT A A 7:30pm, Alcohol Treatment Ctr

2116 W. Faidley, Grand Island. Peggy

(308) 226-8286, Center (308) 398-5427

KARAOKE W/ STACY 8:30pm DC's

Every Thursday

GLBT FELLOWSHIP, 6:30pm, Trinity

Cathedral Clarkson Center, 109 N. 18

Info: 391-1950; dknosac@qwest.net.

HIV TEST 7- 9:30 pm, NAP, 139 S. 40th

KARAOKE 9pm, Connections

Every Friday

SAGE POTLUCK DINNER 6 - 9pm,

ROCC, 1719 Leavenworth, 341-0330

FREE FRIDAY MOVIE 7:45PM,

Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Ctr

LAMBDA TV, Lincoln Cable Ch 13. 9pm

HIV TESTING, 5 - 10 pm, NAP Outreach

Center, 1723 Leavenworth

LGBT AA 8pm, Boys & Girls Home Sioux

City, IA (712) 252-4272,

GLBT AA 7PM to 8PM, Lowe Avenue

Presbyterian Church, 1023 N. 40th. Call

556-8364, ask for Sanford for More info

Every Saturday

LAMBDA TV Lincoln Cable Ch 13. 3 pm

PROUD HORIZON YOUTH GROUP 4-

6pm, 291-6781 proudhorizon.com & yahoo.com

MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Saturday

RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE

Room Open: 4pm Meeting at 7pm, 991-8845 or email: rcga@tgforum.com

GAY/BI SUPPORT GROUP FOR HIV+

MEN, 6-8pm, NAP, 220 S. 17, Lincoln
FFI: Mark Giesler 476-7000.

2nd Tuesday

PRIDE PLANNING MEETING 7pm,

Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth

2nd Wednesday

"OUT AND ABOUT NEBR" 7pm Discussion Group, Rainbow Outreach, 341-0330

FLAT WATER BEARS 7:30pm, The MAX

2nd Thursday

PFLAG- OMAHA, 7pm,
1st Meth, Mead Hall

2nd Friday

FREE, CONFIDENTIAL, ANONYMOUS

HIV TEST UNL campus FFI: 476-0355.
1-3:30pm

SUDS RAPID HIV TESTING, (2 hour results) 5 - 10 pm, NAP Outreach, 1723 Leavenworth

2nd Saturday

GLSEN OMAHA Board Mtg,
9:30-11:30 am South High

LEATHER ENGINEERS—OMAHA

Meeting 7pm, Gilligan's

HIV TESTING UNL campus. Cornerstone, 476-0355. 1:30-3:30pm

LEARNING TO EXCHANGE POWER

L2EP@aol.com 1pm; 1719 Leavenworth

POLY GROUP 7pm; Rainbow Outreach Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth

2nd Sunday

INTEGRITY GROUP 6-7:30pm, St. Marks Episcopal, 13 & "R" Lincoln

3rd Sunday

SOUL FOOD SUNDAY 5-9pm,
CLUB OLIS

3rd Monday

IMPERIAL COURT OF NEBR MTG
MCC-O, 819 S. 22nd St., 6:30pm

GAY/BI SUPPORT GRP FOR HIV+

MEN 6-8pm NAP, 220 S. 17,
Lincoln, 476-7000.

4th Tuesday

PRIDE PLANNING MEETING 7pm,
Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth

PFLAG-CORNHUSKER Unitarian Church, 6300 A St., Lincoln, 7 p.m.

YOUTH HIV TEST Lighthouse, 2530 N, Lincoln, ages 13 to 18, FFI: 475-3220.
3-5:30 pm

4th Saturday

HIV TESTING UNL campus. Cornerstone, 476-0355. 1:30-3:30pm

COUNTRY GOSPEL CHRISTMAS

Benefit Show for MCC Handicap Accessibility

"A Country Gospel Christmas," a benefit show for MCC-O's Handicap Accessibility Fund, will be held on Friday, December 13, 8-10pm at DC's Saloon. There will be a \$2 donation at the door but no one will be turned away.

"A Country Gospel Christmas" will feature the live vocal talents of Ms International Gay Rodeo Association Tamara Marks, Miss HGRA 2002 Ammie Zahn, Mr HGRA 2002 Paco, Miss HGRA 2003 Jazmin, ICON Czarina Justine St James, Archbishop Michael Corey, Princess Judy Shaffer, Mr. Gay Pride 2001 Troy Haasis.

Join us for a night filled with the joy of Christmas and help support the Ark of Accessibility campaign.

BOUTIQUE & BAKE SALE

On Dec. 15, from 10am to 1pm, MCC-Omaha will have a Christmas Boutique and Bake Sale in the newly remodeled Social Hall. Boutique organizer Monty invites the GLBTS community to come and shop and enjoy the Christmas season at this fund raiser for MCC-Omaha's Ark of Accessibility Campaign, which is a fund raising campaign to raise \$75,000 over the next three years to make MCC-Omaha handicap accessible.

The Boutique and Bake Sale will have many treats to delight every shopper. Great stocking stuffers and some signature pieces are among the items available. Come check out the newly remodeled Social Hall and enjoy shopping in a GLBT friendly environment! MCC-Omaha is located at 819 S. 22nd St., Omaha.

OMAHA BARS CONNECTIONS

1901 Leavenworth,
933-3033

CLUB OLIS

2801 N 16 St,
934-4030

THE DIAMOND

712 S. 16th St.,
342-9595

DC'S SALOON

610 S. 14th Street,
344-3103

GILLIGAN'S PUB

1407 Harney,
449-9147

JOY

1516 Jones,
341-7337

The MAX

1417 Jackson,
346-4110

OMAHA MINING CO

1715 Leavenworth
449-8703

LINCOLN BARS

PANIC 200 S. 18th,
Lincoln 435-8764

Q 226 S. 9th St,
Lincoln 475-2269

SIoux CITY BAR JONES STREET STATION

412 JONES ST,
SIoux CITY, IA
712-258-6922

LITTLE NELLY'S NAUGHTY NOEL

The Blue Barn Theatre will skewer Christmas again with its original holiday production, **LITTLE NELLY'S NAUGHTY NOEL**, A Steamy Sodhouse Spectacular!

LITTLE NELLY'S NAUGHTY NOEL comes from the demented mind of Tim Siragusa, known for co-writing and starring in such classic hits as **REFORM SCHOOL TIMMY!** **GO-GO BOYS FROM PLANEAT X!** and **HOW GHETTO CLAUSE FUNKED CHRISTMAS**. This time around he takes on our Nebraska prairie heritage and mixes in fabulous costumes, sexy humor, scantily clad performers and fantastic show stopping musical numbers by Jill Anderson. Let's just call it "Little Blouse on the Fairy!" You'll see the evil railroad baron Clitus Bedlum and his sissy sons make a nasty grab for precious prairie land! You'll follow Pa Bergstrom to the mysterious Poppy Palace! And of course, don't forget the Ice Fairy Ballet! It's a Blue Barn perversion of all you hold dear at the holliest, jolliest time of the year!

NAUGHTY NOEL will star Siragusa and Anderson along with a host of talented Omaha performers willing to push the boundaries of taste and decency. The cast includes Jerry Longe, Stacie Lamb, Terri Fender, Kevin Bensley, Matt Thompson, Joe Krick and Hughston Walkinshaw. Susan Clement-Toberer is directing with costumes designed and built by Travis Halsey & Helen Humble.

NAUGHTY NOEL RUNS November 29 through December 22, 2002, Thursdays through Sundays at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for students and seniors, and \$10 for TAG members and groups of 10 or more. Call the Blue Barn at 345-1576 for tickets and more information.

ICE BOWL'S CHILI COOKOFF AND RAFFLE HUGE SUCCESS

Sunday evening November 10th, Ice Bowl held their second annual Chili Cook-off and Raffle at DC's Saloon. The fundraiser was a huge success. There were 13 Chili entries with the 1st place going to Danny Szczeblewski and 2nd place to Valerie Haynes. David Pugh won the bean counting contest and the 50-50 raffle was won by Scott Rezek. The final event of the evening was of course the Raffle drawing. 1st Prizewinner of \$250 cash was Tim Sacks, 2nd Prizewinner of \$100 cash was Keith Schwabe and the 3rd Prizewinner of \$50 went to Luis Salazar. We extend a sincere thank you to all the participants that entered their own special chili recipes and those who attended and made the event a success. We also extend a sincere thank you to Ashley and the staff at DC's for allowing us to host the event. You did an excellent job.

Baskets, Buns and QueensOH MY!!!

Ammie Zahn, Dominique Divamore, Justine St. James, Paige Turner, Lita, Mr. Max Kelly, Quincy Valentine, Madame X, And surprise special guests in An ANYTHING GOES Show!!! And we mean *ANYTHING!!* December 8, 2002, 10pm, **THE MAX naturally!!!**

PRIDE 2002 A SUCCESS PLANNING UNDERWAY FOR PRIDE 2003

Inspired by the victories and challenged by the struggles of their peers, over 260 delegates from around the world came away from the 21st annual InterPride Conference in San Francisco, USA better equipped to bring the global message of pride to their own communities. Selecting "Peace Through Pride" as the Worldwide Pride theme for 2003, the conference message was clear; "Our movement is one based upon respect and bringing diverse communities together in celebration of love. It is a timely reminder, that on an international scale, our community can set an example of peace, cooperation and understanding." said conference Organizer Teddy Witherington. Next year marks the 25th anniversary of the Rainbow Flag, born in San Francisco and which has now become the flag of LGBT people Worldwide.

Omaha Pride Chair Troy Haasis announced that Omaha's Pride 2003 Celebration will be bigger and have more events of interest to the whole community. The event will take place over two days, June 20 & 21, 2003. Volunteers are needed now to prepare for this gala event. Pride meetings will be held at the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth, at 7pm on:

Dec. 10	January 14 & 28
February 11 & 25	March 11 & 25
April 8 & 22	May 6 & 20
June 3, 10 & 16	

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SAGE is a social service organization dedicated to meeting the unique needs of the senior lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities. It is committed to providing high quality, life enriching programs and services in an intergenerational environment that values age, gender, racial, religious, ethnic, cultural and socioeconomic diversity. SAGE is further committed to fostering a greater understanding of aging, to promoting positive images of life in the later years, and to supporting and advocating for the rights of senior gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people in both the gay and straight communities.

November 29, 2002

THE SAGE PAGE
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FREE SAGE POTLUCK
SUPPER EACH FRIDAY
AT 6:00 PM AT
RAINBOW OUTREACH
ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

SAGE/Omaha is part of SAGE North America, a group of non-profit organizations committed to providing service to gay and lesbian seniors. However, SAGE/Omaha is an independent entity, not legally or financially affiliated with SAGE/New York or any other organization with the name "SAGE". SAGE/Omaha is solely responsible for all contracts and commitments made by it. SAGE/Omaha is a division of Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center, Omaha.

THE SAGE PAGE

SAGE AT THE CENTER

By Lynn Rogers



tor for the City of Athens Ohio, and a television producer/videographer for the City of Lincoln's Citizen Information Center. I also am a 30 year member of the International Alliance of Stage Employees Union (as projectionist and stage technician), and have been a union treasurer, theatre owner/manager, Navy radioman, and other stuff.

Normally I like to work behind the scenes, rather than being center stage. But folks have a right to know about their Community Center, and they need to know who they deal with when they come to the Center. And as the Center continues to grow, they need to know who to contact and who to complain to.

And growth is what Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center is all about right now.

In the two years I've been here the Center, I've seen it lengthen it's operating hours (to 9 am to 9 pm Monday through Saturday, closed Sundays). I've seen folks donate a lot of books and videos (we have over 700 books and videos in the library at present). I've seen our Board of Directors grow from the point where we had only one

remaining Board member, to the current Board with six active members. I've watched our computer services and facilities increase (because of a grant from the Mammel Foundation), and seen our amenities improve (with the Pepsi machine, new donated chairs, continued improvements to the basement, and Cox Internet).

I've been happy to see new groups (like Rainbow Celebrations & SAGE/Omaha and Women's Support Group) formed and using the Center for meetings (as do several other organizations). And I've been pleased with the growth in memberships, Gayzette advertising revenue and distribution (with over 700 papers averaging 16 to 20 pages of news, features and advertising every two weeks).

And I am very pleased that we are adding new volunteers. Thanks to Dave, Roger, Ivy, George, Carla, Mike, JoAnn, Tony, Chris, & Jason for helping keep the place open on a daily basis. And a very special Thank You to Sharon Van Butsel, who is the editor of The Gayzette

and helps keep us on deadline with the paper, as well as providing knowledge & experience from many years of service to the GLBT community. Sharon and her partner Carla help us keep from having to re-invent the wheel every week, by providing the continuity of community knowledge that is essential but hard to maintain in a closeted community population.

I hope our readers will enjoy the expanded services at the Center, and the expanded coverage in the Gayzette newspaper. We need your help, and hope you will stop by and meet the other folks here at your community Center. Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center is totally volunteer operated.

SAGE is a vital part of this Center, sponsoring the free Friday Night Potlucks & Movies. In January SAGE will be sponsoring a women's dance. We also have limited emergency vouchers and will discuss other SAGE functions in future reports.

In the next issue of The SAGE Page: More events listings, some local Gay History, and ENOA (Eastern Nebraska Office on Ageing...NEXT EDITION OF THE GAYZETTE!

The time has come for The Gayzette to begin expanding, and a part of that expansion will be regular feature columns. This is the first of a series of articles for the SAGE Page. We hope many other people will help write original news and feature articles for upcoming Gayzettes. We are particularly looking for representatives from local GLBT organizations to contribute stories about group happenings on a regular basis not just for SAGE, but for inclusion throughout the paper.

First, I should introduce myself. My name is Lynn Rogers, and I am the President of the Board of Directors for Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center. Previous to volunteering at Rainbow Outreach Center, I was Cable Access Television Coordina-

MEMORIAL SET FOR STEVE

Memorial Services for Steve Von Seggern have been set for Saturday, Dec. 14, at 11 AM, Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 819 S. 22nd St. Steve passed away November 16, 2002., and funeral services were held in at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Emerson, NE.

Steve was an active member of the GLBTS community in Omaha. He was a member of LEO for 5 years. In 1999 Steve received the Founders Award for his commitment & dedication to the organization. As a member of LEO, Steve was dedicated to providing food and financial support for the MCC-O food pantry. He also worked tirelessly year after year with other members of LEO to provide security at the Heartland Rodeo and other community events, including dances for Proud Horizons.

Steve was known to many as Mr. MAX. As a MAX titleholder, he represented The MAX in fundraisers for many community organizations.

Steve served as Prince Royale 20 under Emperor 20 Paco. Throughout Paco's reign as Emperor of the Imperial Court of Nebraska, Steve was by his side, helping wherever there was a need. In particular, he and his counterpart Princess Royale 20 Michele, planned and coordinated the 2001 ICON Picnics. In 2002, Steve was elected Vice-President of ICON. He served in that capacity until stepping into the president's position following Laura Lee's death. Steve also co-chaired Coronation 22 last July.

Omaha & the area's GLBTS community will miss Steve. A benefit Fund Raiser is being planned in Steve's name. Watch for details after January 1, 2003.



Steve Von Seggern & Elmo at Toyz 4 Tots 2001

\$3,000+ RAISED AT THE MAX FOR ICON'S FOOD-4-THOUGHT

Once again the area's GLBTS community proved their generosity at ICON's annual Food 4 Thought Show, held Sun., Nov. 10. \$3,000+ was raised through the efforts of Empress 22 Lita, her Royal Family, and the Imperial Court of Nebraska. All proceeds from the show go to provide Thanksgiving grocery vouchers for clients of the Nebraska AIDS Project. One hundred families were helped through this community-wide effort.

Special Thank-You's go to the following donors for their contributions:

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Sally Presby
DC's Saloon

The Employees of Kohll's, 29th & Leavenworth
Mr. Pride 2001—Troy Haasis

ICON thanks all the community for their support!



Empress Lita & Friends at Food-4-Thought

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The Imperial Court of Nebraska & Empress 22 Lita
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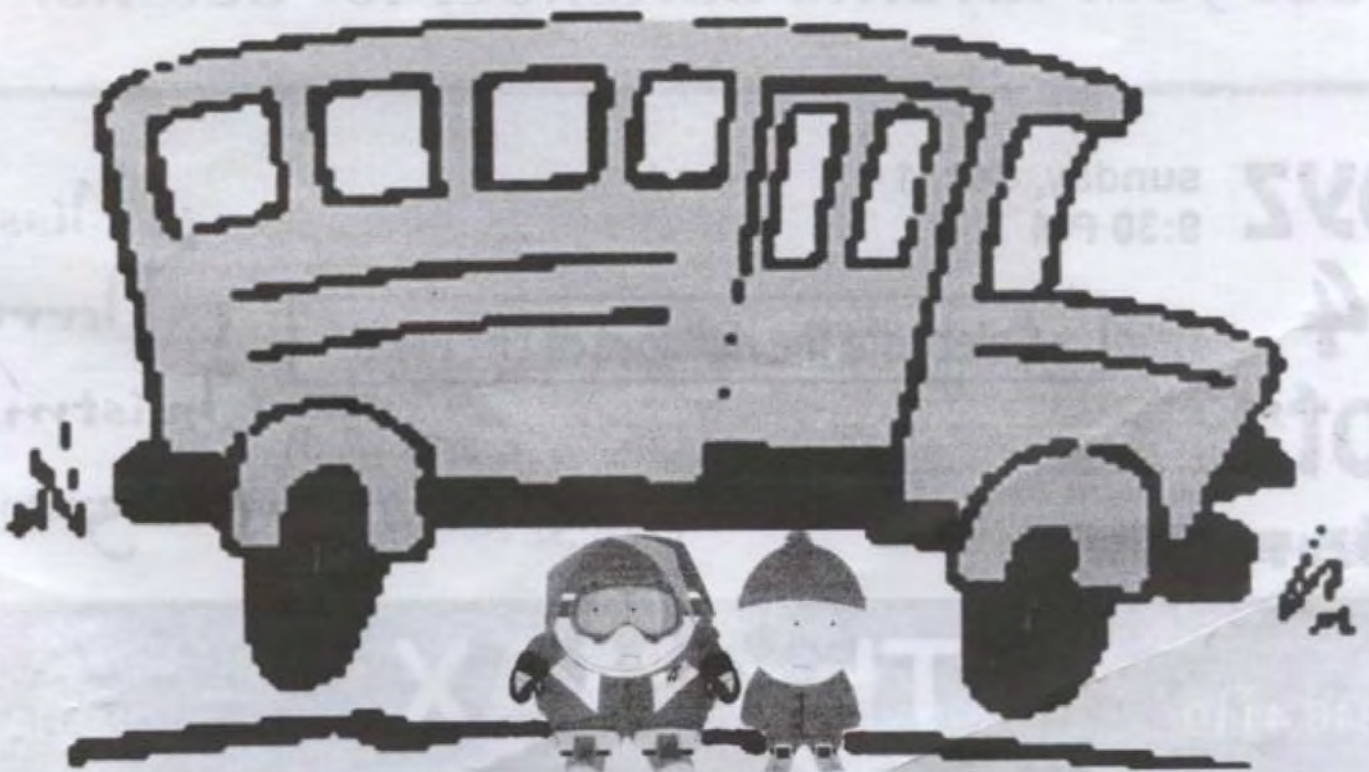
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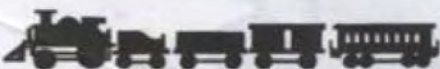
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Celebrate the Holidays at The MAX!

8:30 PM

Sunday, December 15

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